

Gov. Bob Riley Requests Federal Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Ivan to Expedite Federal Resources for Response and Recovery Efforts

Clanton, Alabama - Gov. Bob Riley today announced during a news conference at the Alabama Emergency Operations Center he has requested President Bush declare 44 counties federal disaster areas due to Hurricane Ivan.

"We are facing a serious storm that is more powerful than any storm we've faced and the potential for damage is going to be tremendous on the people of this state and local government," Gov. Riley said. "I spoke with President Bush this morning and he told me that all the federal resources available will be provided as we respond to this disaster."

A federal disaster declaration would open up a number of different types of resources. Under a federal declaration, storm victims would be able to apply for various types of assistance measures including temporary housing assistance, individual family grants, loans and grants to repair homes and businesses, and disaster unemployment assistance," Bruce Baughman, Director Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

The counties in the request are: Sumter, Greene, Hale, Tuscaloosa, Perry, Bibb, Jefferson, Shelby, Chilton, Talladega, Coosa, Clay, Tallapoosa, Randolph, Chambers, Choctaw, Marengo, Dallas, Autauga, Lowndes, Elmore, Montgomery, Macon, Bullock, Russell, Lee, Washington, Clarke, Wilcox, Butler, Crenshaw, Pike, Barbour, Henry, Dale, Coffee, Covington, Geneva, Houston, Monroe, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile and Baldwin counties.

This is an expedited request. More counties could be added when the declaration is approved.

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